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SUBJECT: APAG: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND 1978 MEETING NEAR
OTTAWA

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1. AT JULY 28 COUNCIL MEETING, THE AMBASSADOR DREW FULLY
ON TALKING POINTS (REF B) DURING DISCUSSION OF THE APAG
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, WHICH SEVERAL PERMREPS HOPED WOULD SERVE
AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY. IN
THIS REGARD, SVART (DENMARK) SAID THE EAST-WEST STUDY
SHOULD ADDRESS THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE WEST CAN INFLUENCE
THE SOVIETS THROUGH WESTERN POLICIES.

2. KILLICK (UK) QUESTIONED, ON READING THE CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT, HOW USEFUL A ROLE THE SOVIETS COULD PLAY IN THE
NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE WAS SKEPTICAL ON THIS POINT, BUT
NEVERTHELESS THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE
SOVIETS TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. ON SVART'S COMMENT
ON LEVERAGE, KILLICK THOUGHT THE WEST HAD NOT YET DISCOVER-
ED AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OF WESTERN ACTION BETWEEN, FOR
EXAMPLE, CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS AT THE LOWER END OF THE
RANGE, AND RESTRICTING TRADE AT THE UPPER END.

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3. IN WELCOMING PERMREPS' COMMENTS, APAG CHAIRMAN JUNG
NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRIED TO INCORPORATE TO
THE EXTENT POSSIBLE IN THE REPORT THE DIVERSE AND SOMETIMES
CONFLICTING COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS DELEGATIONS.

4. BARTLEMAN (CANADIAN CHARGE) EXTENDED THE INVITATION OF

HIS AUTHORITIES TO HOLD THE 1978 APAG MEETING AT THE CHATEAU MONTEBELLO IN QUEBEC. THE CANADIANS HOPED THE DATE COULD BE SET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO RESERVE ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS. OTTAWA SUGGESTED EITHER THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 1978, OR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 1978.

5. COMMENT: CANADIAN REPS ARE AWARE FROM TALKS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FIX DATE FOR APAG MEETING UNTIL DATE FOR WASHINGTON SUMMIT IS SET, SINCE JUNG AND HIS STAFF WILL BE ENGAGED IN BOTH. HOWEVER, IF US APAG PARTICIPANTS CAN INDICATE THEIR PREFERENCE FOR DATE, THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP CANADIANS IN MAKING INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS.

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